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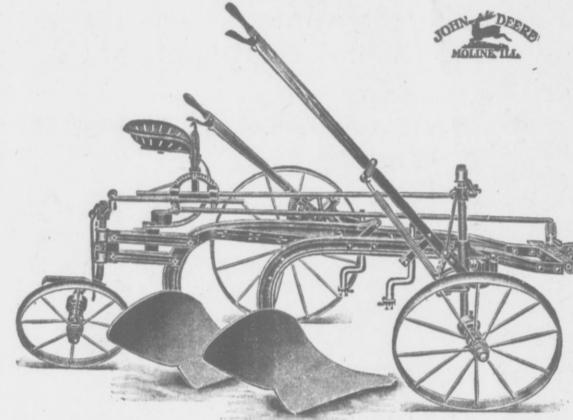
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John C. Alston
Middletown, Del.

HEN WITH THE SEVENTEEN SCRATCHING CHICKENS*

MRS. A. E. WATSON

The following charming, spicy bit of verse that abounds in both sense and humor, and moreover, has jingle as well, was written by Mrs. A. E. Watson, read by the witty author herself. The reading was received with many loud outbursts of appreciation.

Our Federation Mother Hen
Has seventeen scratching chicks
She has called us together in spite of the weather
That is one of her motherly tricks.

The stork has been with us so often
And the family so large has grown
She cannot quite reach a big birthday for each
So she celebrates all in one.

Now this is our crystal birthday
By the calendar fifteen years old
And the children to-day from along the way
Have gathered back to the told.

Now our mother has no home of her own
With the girl she has lived around
Sister Biddledeedle tells us that her house would hold us
And a beautiful welcome we found.

Our eldest girl Wilmington's quite grown up
Mature enough to have beans
She keeps up a flirtation with old Education
And she'll marry him every known.

And Newark will be maid of honor
At the wedding. Now won't that be nice
And when for the state, we affiliate
We'll all throw confetti and rice.

Dover is here with her graces and frills
She's the gayest girl on the list
She has put on long dresses—discarded her tresses
And does up her back in a twist.

Mi ford her cub debt all paid and done
Is puffed up and feeling proud
She's bought a piano—now they'll all sing soprano
And the programs be joyous and loud.

There's Smyrna that ambitious coundress
Just grabbing for all that's in sight
If she does take on airs, over her big country fairs
We all know in that she's just right.

Georgetown has come with her hurry and haste
Alwa's the same good, pard
She's leading the chase, but those in the race
Are pressing her very hard.

Miss Laurel is taking the hurdles
With strides both steady and strong
If she don't lose her breath, she'll be in at the death
And the others are coming along.

For Harrington's right in the running,
And if we don't watch her, we'll find
She'll come in with a rush, and capture the brush,
And some of us get left behind.

It would spoil all the joy of our meeting,
Did not either Wyoming attend
For when she is able to get the round table
There'll be great things doing depend.

There's the family beauty Bridgeville
She can work as well as play
For all she looks meek, she will co or her cheeks
With strawberry juice—so they say.

And Feeton now that girl's a student
In reading she spends her cub days
If from Avon her home—good Shakespeare could come
He wou'd just love her studious ways.

Next comes the daughter from Lewes
Old Zwaanendael's proud of her smiles
But the visitor there for the good sea air
Would better beware of her wiles.

Rehoboth is her twin sister
Both Summer girls down by the shore.
They do marvel lous work for they never shirk,
While they squat mosquitos galore.

Seaford lives down by the river
And has so much work planned
She will ask us some day to stand out of her way
If it don't get sidetracked and canned.

Milton is young but growing
She is just the pet of us all,
She yet may excel us and make us all jea'ous
She's growing so handsome and tall.

And last there is mother's baby
So young to have traveled so far
In her arms it has cuddled there to be cuddled;
And she calls this dear baby Delmar.

We're a band of happy children.
Ready for business or sport
We work for our living and each one is giving
Her share toward our mother's support.

Each one having lighted her candle
Keep it shining along the way
Let us then be up and doing, the good work pursuing,
Renewing our p edges to-day.

May 15th, 1912. A. E. WATSON

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Clover and grass seed may be grown and a good stand secured, on out ground during the last of April and the first of May.

Narrow doors in the sheep barns are a mighty poor thing. Broken down hips and early dropped lambs are some of the results.

A cow wants to be kept eating and growing, but fattening, as long as she has a time as good as this.

A kind of fruit tree will die when planted in ground that is all the time saturated with water. The tile ditch is a necessity in some places.

Early peas may be followed by celery or cabbage, or potatoes, followed by late beans or corn, thereby getting several crops from the same ground each year.

A horse must have feet and legs beside weight to be any good at heavy work.

Flat bone in the cannons and large round feet should be looked for in picking horses.

Just now is the time to get the start of the milk rather than strain it out.

Whale oil soap may be used to destroy scale, insects and mealy bugs.

Clover and grass seed always do best when they can be started to early growth.

Profitable beef production in the future means that better gains must be made.

Evergreen Farm is in close reach of both rail and water by a macadam road.

It is a great mistake to breed a 1,500 pound mare to an 1,800 pound stallion.

Sometimes the animals have the legs of a draft horse and the body of a roader.

We have seen these freaks with heads of a draft horse and bodies of a light roader.

It is a good plan to give a cow a bucket of soaded bran as the first feed after calving.

The man who said it is all bosh to carry cows was either lazy or crazy. Get out your currant comb.

Field mice been at the young trees? If he bark is known to the wood the trees may be saved by bridge grafting.

Satisfactory results were obtained last year at the Kansas Agricultural College from the use of Kaffir as silage.

Kerosene emulsion will kill plant lice more effectively than hellebore.

There is a big difference between a butterfly and a fly in the butter.

Pigs relish potatoes.

Cat back climbing roses.

Care for the farrowing sow.

Treat the young heifer gently.

Groom your horses well and prevent skin diseases.

The dairyman can raise hogs cheaper than any one else.

Old and many young trees are infested with the woolly aphid.

Keeping the fingernails cut may, save both milk and mortification.

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ONCE MORE THE GUSTY MOB

Again, in New Jersey in the same sweeping fashion as in California, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, etc., "the gusty passions of the mob" are the "soap-box primaries", as Mr. Taft contemptuously describes the great body of intelligent American people exercising their sovereign prerogatives at the polls—have set the seal of their condemnation upon his three years of treasonable abandonment of their just cause to serve the unjust cause of his masters, the Trust bosses!

Taft has repeatedly been at especial pains to express his distrust of and contempt for, the people—until for self-rule he thinks and says—and the people are roundly repaying him in his own coin. Such a wholesale repudiation of a president by the people, is without a parallel in our history! He will be the first Republican president refused the compliment of a renomination—save Hayes who did not die it.

And what adds to the force of this overwhelming popular rebuke, is the fact that it has been administered in the face of his own persistent, unseemly personal hunt for renomination, and that back of his strong campaign have been, with a few honorable exceptions, the Press of the whole country much of it heavily subsidized; the enormous power of public patronage; the help of 400,000 office-holders; all the Predatory Trusts, and the millionaire conspirators in Wall Street; the active sympathy and help of the Democratic press, and finally the whole machinery of the Republican party, State and National, enforced by the loyalty of the discredited rascal bosses in nearly every State.

A more superb illustration of the omnipotence that inheres in that big, intelligent, patriotic proletariat known as the plain American People, never was seen. How once more it vindicates the wisdom of Lincoln (who unlike his puny successor, believed in and trusted the people) "you can fool all the people some of the time, and some of the people all the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time."

A STUPID LIE

THE TRANSCRIPT is in receipt of a paper styling itself, *Purity In "Elections"*, containing a marked article on Mr. Roosevelt's alleged "drunkenness."

This silly libel reminds us of an incident in the career of General Grant when his victories at Vicksburg and elsewhere were arousing the jealous hate of a set of disloyal defarers in Washington, who kept pestering President Lincoln with like tales of the General's drinking habits.

We all remember Lincoln's dry sarcasm in reply, when he wished some other of his generals would get the same brand of whisky!

This is our answer to these stupid calumniators of Theodore Roosevelt, honored in high office in his own state, and in the Cabinet of McKinley, Colonel in the Spanish War, seven years Chief Magistrate of this Nation, officially honored and feted by the whole world, and late interview, in their native haunts in Africa, of the tiger, the lion, the rhino and the tsatse fly! Drunken Roosevelt, indeed!

A NEW EVERY EVENING

The Every Evening comes to us with a new face, and we do not doubt the change in its makeup will heartily commend itself to its readers.

Like many other of the old and conservative journals, the *Springfield Republican*, the *Baltimore Sun*, etc. Every Evening had long devoted its front page to classified advertisements. But in deference to the desires of many readers and with the approval of its heaviest advertisers, it has wisely concluded to use its first page for the news of the day, and to retire the ads. to the seventh page. The *Springfield Republican* has also done this, and no doubt, the *Sun* will soon follow suit.

This change, together with the use of a whiter stock of paper and larger headlines, has markedly improved the appearance of our contemporary.

GOVERNOR CROTHERS DEAD

Former Governor Austin Lane Crothers of Maryland died at 12:30 A. M. Friday at the home of his nephew, State Senator Omar D. Crothers, in Elkton, after an illness which developed during the closing days of his administration. Bright's disease complicated with a leak in the heart and other ailments, hastened his death.

His relatives and friends, who prepared for the end, as his recovery was practically declared to be impossible after a visit to him by Dr. McCrea, of St. John's Hospital, Baltimore, about the middle of April, Gov. Crothers was then declared to be suffering with Bright's disease, an opinion in which his local physician, Dr. Cawley, concurred.

While robust in appearance, Governor Crothers was never a strong or healthy man.

Several brothers died before they reached the fiftieth milestone, and for years he feared that he would not long survive after he had passed his fiftieth birthday. That birthday came on May 17, 1910. He never fully recovered from an attack of typhoid fever, which sent him to bed in August at the beginning of his gubernatorial campaign in 1907.

He did not leave his sick bed until after his election in November of the same year. While Governor he was prudent and carefully safeguarded his health.

He never touched stimulants and avoided social functions and dinners. His only dissipation was a dry smoke. His favorite diet was buttermilk, apples and apples. When he ate too heartily remorse came from his stomach. During the four years when he was Governor he had frequent attacks of illness which compelled him to remain indoor.

His last public appearance was at Annapolis during the closing days of the legislature. That was when a sick man was apparent to his friends; he had not visited his law office in Elkton for several weeks, except two or three times before his death.

From a farmer's boy in Cecil county Austin Lane Crothers was elected by successive steps to be Governor of Maryland.

Films That Talk

Through a combination of possibilities made demonstrable by the workings of the cinematoscope and gramophone "films that talk" are now or exhibition in London. Describing a late exhibit, a London newspaper says:

"There was a typical Gallic cock, strutting and preening itself upon a brazier. Photo photography had retained the sheen of its buckles. We were murmuring our applause at the amazing realism of the picture, when Chanticleer tossed his head with infinite arrogance, opened his beak and crowed right justly once, twice and three times.

Thereafter four typical Frenchmen quarreled in a railway train. One beat upon his knee in his excitement, and the thwack resounded through the theatre. A shopman arranged crockery upon his stall, and you heard it click. Such sounds did more to impress the audience with the impudence and novelty of the new invention than did the spoken words of people whose images flickered on the screen, for it must be admitted that the reproduction of human speech on the gramophone is in the present stage of experiment a little disappointing.

A film did equal credit to the enterprise of the photographer and the skill of the inventor depicted a lion tamer surrounded by a dozen angry lions. As they sprang and glided about the cage you listened to the cracking of whips and a perpetual accompaniment of resonant growls that are quite alarming.

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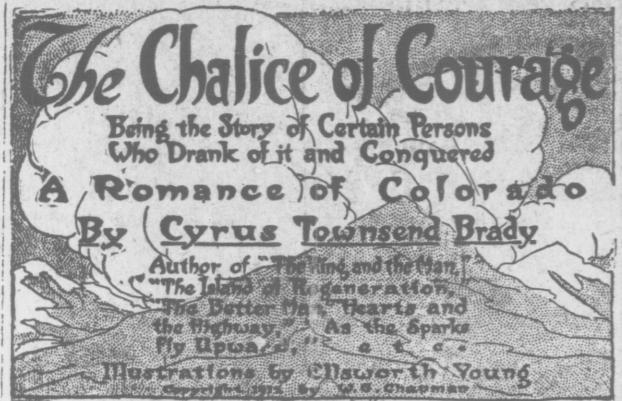
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CHAPTER XXI.

The Odds Against Him.
The noise of the opening of the door and the rush of cold air that followed awoke Enid Maitland to instant action. She rose to her feet and faced the entrance through which she expected Newbold to reappear—for of course the newcomer must be he—and for the life of her could not help that radiating flash of joy, the momentary anticipation of which fully transfigured her being; although if she had stopped to reflect she would have remembered that not in the whole course of their acquaintance had Newbold ever entered her room at a time without knocking and receiving permission.

Some of that joy yet lingered in her lovely face when she tardily recognized the newcomer in the half light. Armstrong, scarcely waiting to close the door, sprang forward joyfully with his hands outstretched.

"Enid!" he cried.

Naturally he thought the look of expectant happiness he had surprised upon her face was for him and he accounted for its sudden disappearance by the shock of his unexpected, unannounced, abrupt, entrance.

The warm color had flushed her face, but as she stared at him her aspect rapidly changed. She grew paler. The happy light that had shone in her eyes faded away and as he approached her she shrank back.

"You!" she exclaimed almost in terror.

"Yes," he answered smilingly, "I have found you at last. Thank God you are safe and well. Oh, if you could only know the agonies I have gone through. I thought I loved you when I left you six weeks ago, but now—"

In eager impetuosity he drew nearer to her. Another moment and he would have taken her in his arms, but she would have none of him.

"Stop," she said with a cold and inflexible sternness that gave pause even to his buoyant joyful assurance.

"Why, what's the matter?"

"The matter? Everything, but—"

"No evasions, please," continued the man still cheerfully but with a growing misgiving. His suspicions, in a sense for the moment because of his joy at seeing her alive and well, arose with increased force. "I left you practically pledged to me," he resumed.

"Not so fast," answered Enid Maitland, determined to combat the lightest attempt to establish a binding claim upon her.

"Isn't it true?" asked Armstrong.

"Here we go," he said before she could answer, and he had frozen, have been searching for you since early morning in the storm." He unbuckled his huge fur coat as he spoke and threw it carelessly on the floor by the Winchester leaning against the wall. "Now," he resumed, "I can talk better."

"You must have something to eat then," said the girl.

She was glad of the interruption since she was playing for time. She did not quite know how the interview would end, but he had come upon her unexpectedly and she had never for a moment been able to collect herself, which he in his part was quite willing to give her, for he was not much better prepared for the interview than she. He really was hungry and tired, his early journey had been footloose and in the highest degree dangerous. The violence of his admiration for her added to the excitement of her presence, and the probable nearness of Newbold as to whose whereabouts he wondered were not conducive to rapid recuperation. It would be comfort to him also to have food and time.

"Sit down," she said. "I shall be back in a moment."

The fire of the morning was still burning in the stove in the kitchen; to heat a can of soup, to make him some buttered toast and hot coffee, were the tasks of a few moments; she brought them back to him, set them on the table before him and bade him fall to.

"By Jove," exclaimed the man after a little time as he began to eat heartily but with great relish what she had prepared, while she stood over him watching him silently. "This is cozy. A warm, comfortable room, something to eat served by the finest woman in the world, the prettiest girl on earth to look at—what more could a man desire? This is the way it's going to be always in the future."

"You have no warrant whatever for saying or hoping that," answered the girl slowly but decisively.

"Have I not?" asked the man quickly.

"Did you not say to me a little while ago that you liked me better than any man who had ever met me and that I was with you if I could? Well, I can, and what's more, I will in spite of yourself, Enid," he laughed. "Why the memory of that kiss I stole from you makes me vote for me."

"You have not told me the truth," he answered directly; "you have deliberately been false."

"Can't you see," protested the man drawing nearer to her, "how much I love you?"

"Oh, that's yes I suppose that is true; as far as you can love any one I will admit that you do love me."

"So far as I can love any one?" he repeated after her. "Give me a chance and I'll show you."

"But you haven't told the truth about Mrs. Newbold," he said. "You have calumniated the dead, you have sought to shelter yourself by throwing the burden of a guilty passion upon the weak vessel; it isn't manlike, it isn't."

"No, indeed."

"Louise Newbold did," she answered very quietly but with the swiftness and the dexterity of a sword thrust by a master hand, a mighty arm.

Armstrong stared at her in open mouthed astonishment.

"What do you know about Louise Rosser or Newbold?" he asked at last.

"All that I want to know."

"And did that damned boud tell you?"

"If you mean Mr. Newbold, he never mentioned your name, he does not know you exist."

"Where is he now?" thundered the man.

"You are right," he admitted, wondering anxiously how much the woman really knew. "It wasn't true, I was a coward's wife. I am ashamed of it. I'm so mad with love for you that I scarcely know what I am doing, but

"Fear!" exclaimed Armstrong, proudly, "I fear nothing on earth for years, ever since I heard his name in fact, I have longed to meet him. I want to know who told you about that woman—Kirby?"

"He never mentioned your name in connection with her."

"But you must have heard it somewhere," cried the man thoroughly bewildered. "The birds of the air didn't tell it to you, did they?"

"She told me herself," answered Enid Maitland.

"She told you? Why, she's been dead in her grave five years, shot to death by that murderous dog of a husband of hers."

"A word with you, Mr. Armstrong," said the woman with great spirit.

"You can't talk that way about Mr. Newbold; he saved my life twice over, from a bear and then in the clouds which caught me in the canon."

"That evens up a little," said Armstrong. "Perhaps for your sake I will spare him."

"You!" laughed the woman contemptuously. "Spare him? Be advised, look to yourself, if he ever finds out what I know, I don't believe any power on earth could save you."

"Oh," said Armstrong carelessly.

Enough, although he was consumed with hate and jealousy and raging against her clearly evident disdain.

"I can take care of myself, I guess. Anyway I only want to talk about you, not about him or her. Your father—"

"Is he well?"

"Well enough, but heart-broken, crushed. I happened to be in his house in Philadelphia when the telegram came from your uncle that he was lost and probably dead. I had just asked him for your hand," he added, smiling grimly at the recollection.

"You had no right to do that."

"I know that."

"It was not, it is not, his to give."

"Still when I won you I thought it would be pleasant all around if he knew and approved."

"Did it?"

"Not then, he literally drove me out of the house, but afterwards he said if I could find you I could have you; and, by Heaven, I have found you and I will have you whether you like it or not."

"Never," cried the woman decisively.

The situation had got on Armstrong's nerves, and he must force himself to his true colors. His only resources were his strength, not of mind but of body. He made another most damaging mistake at this juncture.

"We are alone here, and I am master, remember," he said meaningfully. "Come, let's make up. Give me a kiss for my pains and—"

"I have been alone here for a month with another man," answered Enid Maitland who was strangely unafraid in spite of this threat. "A gentleman, he has never so much as offered to touch my hand without my permission; the contrast is quite to your disadvantage."

"Are you jealous of Louise Rosser?" asked Armstrong suddenly seeing that he was losing ground and casting about desperately to account for it, and to recover what was escaping him.

"Why, that was nothing, a mere boy and girl affair," he ran on with a sly, good humor as if it were all a trifling. "The woman was, I hate to say it, just crazy in love with me, but I really never cared anything especially for her; it was just a harmless flirtation anyway. She afterward married this man Newbold and that's all there was about it."

The truth would not serve him and in his desperation and desire he stated everything on this astounding lie. The woman he loved looked at him with her face as rigid as a mask.

"You won't hold that against me, will you?" pleaded the man. "I told you that I'd been a man among men, yes, among women, too, here in this rough country, and that I wasn't worthy of you; there are lots of things of and I am, and the more I see you the more ashamed I grow, but as for loving any one else, all that I've ever thought or experienced before now is just nothing."

And this indeed was true, and even Enid Maitland with all her prejudice could understand it. Out of the same mouth, was said of old, proceeded blessing and cursing, and from those same lips came truth and falsehood; but the power of the truth to influence this woman was as nothing to the power of falsehood.

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